

I personally knew Manny to be a kind soul, who was a loving father, wonderful husband, and respected leader throughout our community. I will especially remember Manny for his big heart and thoughtfulness. He often provided me with words of advice and wisdom that continue to guide my work in public service.

For these reasons, it is with great honor that I offer Dr. Manuel "Manny" Lopez my heartfelt appreciation for his years of outstanding service to the City of Oxnard and unwavering dedication to our community during his exemplary career. On behalf of the people of Oxnard and a very grateful community, whom he served with distinction, I express my sincere condolences to his family and friends, and to all who knew him.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of the founding of Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T). Missouri S&T was originally established in 1870 as the University of Missouri School of Miners and Metallurgy, and it was the first technical institute west of the Mississippi River. In the last 150 years, Missouri S&T has grown into a world-class engineering school. While its name has changed over time, its focus has remained the same: to prepare the best young minds in Missouri and around the world to tackle the challenging technical demands of the modern era.

Missouri S&T students achieve a level of success that is unmatched, in large part because of campus programs that emphasize practical experience. This enables S&T graduates to combine their studies with real-world practice and execution and prepare for the workforce. For instance, students can compete on one of 18 competitive "design teams" to build optimized models of systems such as a Baja off-roader or an underwater robot. The skills learned in these applied programs benefit S&T students after graduation, and 92 percent of recent graduates find employment or gain admission to additional schooling within 6 months of graduation.

Being a student at Missouri S&T is both work and play. One fun tradition at S&T is to put on two full weeks of celebrations for St. Patrick's Day—St. Patrick being the patron saint of engineers. This tradition has been going on for 112 years, and preparation for the two weeks of celebration takes place all year, during which Miners count down to the next "Greatest St. Pats Ever." A wagon with St. Pat aboard leads the annual parade through Rolla with families and alumni lining the street to greet the figure. After the two-hour parade, festivities kick off with concerts and food vendors, and they go through the night.

I'm proud to represent Missouri S&T and honored to commemorate the 150th anniversary of its founding. Miners makes our community better, and after graduation, they work

in the defense, engineering, technology, and other sectors to make our workforce and country better. For Missouri S&T, the past 150 years have been bright, and I hope the next 150 years will be even brighter.

GEORGE JENKINS HIGH SCHOOL
CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROSS SPANO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the George Jenkins High School Cheerleading team for their championship performance at the state competition in Gainesville, Florida.

George Jenkins High School cheerleaders won their first state title while competing in the Medium Non-Tumbling Division and beating second place by 4.6 points.

Not only was this the first state title for the school in cheerleading, but just the fourth time George Jenkins High School has captured a title in any sport.

Prior to this, the Jenkins squad had never made it to the finals. However, their strong preparation, passion, and unwavering commitment to one another were instrumental in their victory.

The Jenkins cheerleading squad was led by their head coach Nashan Davis, who, after winning the title, held back tears in stating, "The coaches gave them the tools and they went out there and did their job today."

Congratulations once again to the George Jenkins Cheerleading team and on their title. They earned it and deserved it, and I look forward to seeing them defend it next year.

IN RECOGNITION OF DIANE
ALBERIGI, UNICAN OF THE YEAR
FOR SCRANTON CHAPTER OF
UNICO NATIONAL

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Diane Alberigi, who will be named UNICAN of the Year for 2019. Diane will be honored at the annual UNICO Charity Ball, held on February 29, 2020, at Fiorelli's Manor in Peckville, Pennsylvania.

Diane is the daughter of Francis Tougher and Grace Reidenbach. She grew up in the Hill Section neighborhood of Scranton along with her sister, Francie. After graduating from Technical High School, Diane was employed by the Chamberlain Insurance Agency for 35 years. Since 2007, Diane has worked at NEPA Center for Independent Living, where she earned a certification in payroll operations and oversees the disbursement of checks to employees in 10 states.

Diane has lived in Clarks Summit since 1984. She is committed to her church and community, having served as a lector at both St. Peter's Cathedral and Our Lady of Snows. Diane volunteered for and chaired the Our Lady of Snows picnic for a decade. In between time, she also worked at the Glint of

Gold Jewelry Store on South Washington Avenue in Scranton.

Since joining UNICO in 2004 under the sponsorship of Chris DiMattio, Diane has been invaluable in the Scranton Chapter's activities. She served as treasurer of the Chapter's Ladies Auxiliary and co-chair of the cappuccino stand at La Festa Italiana, and she currently sits on the board of La Festa as well as the board of the Scranton Chapter. She was named a Northeast Woman by the Scranton Times-Tribune in June 2018.

Diane is also passionate about helping rescue animals and has four dogs, including a blind, special-needs dog. She has seven nieces and nephews, one great niece, and one great nephew.

It is an honor to recognize Diane as the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National's UNICAN of the Year for 2019. May she continue to honorably represent and serve the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania for many years to come.

TRAVIS AGUIRRE RECEIVES THE
YOUNG ALUMNI HALL OF FAME
AWARD

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of Travis Aguirre, who received the Young Alumni Hall of Fame Award from the Victor Valley College Foundation on February 22, 2020.

Captain Travis Aguirre's commitment to public service came from a passion of wanting to make an impact and difference in his career field. After receiving his Associate's in Fire Science from Victor Valley College, Travis transitioned from student to teacher and taught at the Fire Academy and within the EMT Program at the college. Beginning his fire career with City of Victorville Fire Department, he has progressed from Engineer to Captain with the San Bernardino County Fire Department. He consistently stays involved in his community, by mentoring local youth, serving in the San Bernardino County Fire Department Honor Guard, and serving as the Vice President of IAFF Local 935.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I congratulate Captain Travis Aguirre on this award, and thank him for his dedication and service to the residents of San Bernardino County. Captain Aguirre is a true mode of the professionalism and service of the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

HONORING FRANK PAREDES ON
HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Paredes on his 100th birthday. Mr. Paredes is an upstanding World War II veteran and Pearl Harbor Survivor who I am proud to represent in Washington.

Mr. Paredes was born on February 15, 1920 in Douglas, Arizona and enlisted in the Army